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Darling Hubby: —

Just received your darling letter of Monday. Can hardly tell you how happy I am that you are now a member of the Masonic Order. It certainly was a good thing that you followed your uncle's advice & let your application remain — and after all things were not so black as they appeared Honey. I wish you lots of happiness as a member, and hope, besides the pleasure you will derive from it, that it will give you lots of help in your profession. I really do hope to hear soon that the became a Notary Republic, and that L. Taylor handed over to you, that proposition.

About Bernstein's offer, honey, I do not quite understand, — is he to be a partner or is he simply helping you

to fix up the store - Most certainly I will do all I can, but the question most concerns Rose, as she will have most of the responsibility on her shoulders. Personally, I think she would fall in ~~fix~~ the idea, and I think it would be a dandy idea - as Mom would have something in hand, and Rose, too. I am sure Mom will be happy over the plan. Of course I will do all I can, & Rose could brush up on her work and become registered after a while. That would dispense with a registered clerk and we could get a good junior (a man) with good practical experience. I shall be down to see Mom Friday and we can talk it over, as you see precious, we must be extremely careful as to how we use Mom's money. Let me know more particulars as you go along. After all, there is only one thing for Mom to do - and that is to go down to Uncle Morris & You. I know unless there is something definite in an income - such as a store etc. Mom will never go down and this strikes me as just being a wonderful plan. I did not know there was such a thing as a reciprocity paper. Of course it requires a registered ~~woman~~ person of that state in charge of the store, doesn't it?

As to the furniture, Rose, Friday will settle that, too. But honey, do not understand about your suggesting a dining room with a china closet, etc. I thought we would have a library instead - This I think would be more practical for your sake. You would need a library in the house you know. The table, if Mom lets us have it calls for a library. And at the beginning we can only afford 3 rooms, so think a library set would be more appropriate.

Dear going to take a run up to See Ray to-night, so I am writing this in great haste, knowing I'll not get another chance until late to-night – too late to catch the mail. So, precious, hubby, I shall have to draw this letter to an end, sending in it all my love, hugs, and kisses

Your everloving wifie
– Frances.

P. S. Rose tells me to-day that if you want strudel, mamma will bake some for you Friday and send it to you. Tante Rosie's is all gone, I suppose, and besides it would be all stale. Nothing like that for you, honey – must be good & fresh.

Frances.

Hope, precious, they do not kill you at the initiation to-morrow night!